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The Ocean County Library Commission

The governing body for the Library is the seven-member Library Commission. The Board of Chosen Freeholders appoints the members of the Library Commission. The Board makes commission appointments for a four-year term. Appointments are made to provide representation from a variety of geographical and community interests. Primary responsibilities include selection and appointments, control of Library funds, property and equipment; determination of policies and rules governing Library service and personnel; promotion of Library interests.

Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari

Freeholder Joseph H. Vicari is an experienced and staunch advocate for consumers, education, tourism, the local business community and libraries. He has served as the Ocean County Library liaison since 2004.
The Ocean County Library offers diverse programs to entertain and inform the county’s citizens. It actively works in the community to establish new and lasting partnerships, creating networks of support. The library remains true to its heritage of providing materials in all formats, ranging from books and magazines to movies, music, computer databases and e-books to stay current with the needs of Ocean County residents in the 21st century.
Do you remember your first library story time? You are never too young or too old to experience the magic of great stories and library programs. The Ocean County Library has something for everyone and our library programs bring people of all ages together. The Ocean County Library system through its 21 locations offers our community access to a wide-range of quality library programs featuring well-known authors, performers and musicians.

With over 4 million books and materials circulated annually, our community enjoys reading and the library has provided the opportunity to meet favorite best-selling and award-winning authors including Barbara Taylor Bradford, Corinne Barone, Rainie Il. Gregory Christ, Sharon Draper, Linda Fairstein, John Lescroart, and Debbie Macomber. Cooking authors are always popular and the library has hosted Mireille Guiliano (“The French women don’t get fat cookbook”), pastry chef Abigail Johnson Dodge (“Desserts 4 today; favorite desserts with just four ingredients”), television’s Daisy Martinez’s (“Daisy’s holiday cooking: delicious Latin recipes for effortless entertaining”). Sports fans enjoyed listening to baseball expert and author Matt Silverman discuss our national past time and read from his book “100 things Mets fans should know & do before they die” and “How good is the worst story of the nation’s 2008 season” written with Keith Hernandez.

The Ocean County Library has a reputation for bringing nationally known musicians and performers to Ocean County including Radio Hall of Fame disc jockey Bruce Morrow (“Cousin Bruce” who shared his experiences in the world of rock-n-roll radio, Tommy James, Gary Clark, and American Idol contestants and star of the Broadway show “Rock of Ages” Constantine Maroulis. Special children’s events featured singer/homemaker and composer Naf Sedaka and Peter Yarrow of the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary and the Soul Street Dance Company. In 2009, the library helped Sesame Street celebrate its 40th anniversary with a special performance by cast members and puppets from the show. With over 300 programs monthly, the Ocean County Library is your community source for quality entertainment.
The Ocean County Library is successful because of the commitment and investment of our community partners. Our community partners work with the library to provide high-quality programs and special events for our community.

"Freedom Riders: Breach of Peace" was sponsored by the Ocean County Library and the Ocean County College Office of Multicultural Services and Office of Student Life. In partnership with the Toms River N.A.A.C.P., the N.A.A.C.P. Ocean County Lakewood Chapter, the Jewish Federation of Ocean County, New Jersey Natural Gas Company and the Jersey Shore Chapter of the American Conference on Divinity, "Breach of peace: portraits of the 1961 Mississippi freedom riders" by author Eric Etheridge presented portraits and exclusive interviews with civil rights activist Freedom Riders whose travels throughout the South struck an early blow against racial segregation in bus and rail stations. Freedom Rider Lewis Zuchman told the audience of his experiences leading up to his bus ride into Mississippi and his subsequent jailing. He also shared his insights into contemporary race relations. The book presents the mug shots of the more than 200 Freedom Riders and many contemporary portraits of those who are alive today.

Other key partnerships included: a food drive with the Ocean County Health Department to benefit the food bank of Monmouth and Ocean counties; a special concert with the American Red Cross to benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake; working with Atlantic City’s Boardwalk Hall to help promote the national “Walking with Dinosaurs: The Arena Spectacular” by offering educational programs at the library about dinosaurs; and the Richard Stockton College Graduate Program in Occupational Therapy and the New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community who joined with us to offer Circle of Friends, a series of support programs for parents and their children with autism.

The Ocean County Library was also honored to be selected as the only library in New Jersey to host the National Endowment for the Humanities, “Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” exhibition which was a month-long display celebrating the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln’s birth.

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Through our Eyes, featuring an ensemble of actors of all abilities who told their unique stories through a series of vignettes and original music.

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration with music, dance and food.

Celebration of Asian Heritage Month with Chinese hand puppets and traditional dance.

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Roscoe Orman, known to millions for his role as Gordon on Sesame Street, made three library appearances, entertains families and delights children.

Westminster Jabbering Singers, a multicultural, multiracial and interdenominational choral ensemble composed of students from Westminster Choir College of Rider University.

40th Anniversary of Coretta Scott King Book Awards, a national recognition program that originated in New Jersey and recognizes the contributions of African American authors and artists who promote understanding and appreciation of the cultures of all people.

The Mayhem Poets, an energetic hip-hop theatrical event that appealed to teens. Teens also were able to express themselves through song and were encouraged to write their own lyrics with Kathy Moser.

The “Neighbors Connecting” series of programs was made possible in large part by the OceanFirst Foundation’s Arts and Cultural Grant and the Ocean County Library Foundation. This series of events celebrated the many communities of Ocean County. Over 3,000 customers attended these special programs and commented on the high quality of the series.

Programs Included:

Working with the Community

Partnerships
On an average day, this is how the general public utilizes the Ocean County Library and its resources.

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**OCL: A Star Library!**

Ocean County Library was named a star library by the library magazine Library Journal in their October 2010 issue. This Library Journal Index of Public Service ranked 7,407 public libraries and systems throughout the United States. Ocean County Library is one of the 258 libraries nationwide that earned a star ranking.

The rankings are based on a statistical data study of circulation of materials, program attendance, Internet usage and annual customer traffic by the Institute of Museum and Library Services from 2008. The study shows the increase of usage and importance of public library service since the onset of the current economic recession.
The Ocean County Library System is successful because of the commitment, dedication and investment of our partners. Our partners help enrich our community by being part of the planning process, providing resources, helping us promote the library, and by sponsoring special events.

Some of our partnerships include:

- Alliance for a Living Ocean
- Alzheimer’s Association
- Amerigael
- American Library Association
- American Library Association Public Programs Office
- American Conference on Diversity – Jersey Shore Chapter
- American Legion
- Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall
- Autumn\textsuperscript{H}t
- Beachwood Municipal Alliance
- Big Brothers\textsuperscript{B}ig Sisters
- Brick Township Public Schools
- Children’s Home Society
- Catholic Charities of the Trenton Diocese
- Circle of Friends
- Downtown Toms River Business Improvement District
- GLSEN Central New Jersey
- Grants
- Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities
- Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association
- Island Heights Methodist Church
- Italian Cultural Society
- Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- Jersey Shore PFLAG
- Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island
- Joyce Kilmer\textsuperscript{W}ood Work and Ferry Life Department
- Laubette Environmental Committee
- Laubette Personal Fitness
- Little Egg Harbor Lions Club On Patrol
- Marine Corps League
- Municipal Alliance Project
- National Endowment for the Humanities
- New Egypt Warrior Camp
- New Jersey Council for the Humanities
- New Jersey Council of County Colleges
- New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance
- New Jersey Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
- New Jersey League of Municipalities
- New Jersey Library Association
- New Jersey Library Cooperative
- New Jersey Natural Gas
- New Jersey Network
- New Jersey Prejudice Commission
- New Jersey State Library
- New Jersey Thesaurus Alliance
- O.C.E.A.N., Inc.
- Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders
- Ocean County Board of Senior Services
- Ocean County Board of Social Services
- Ocean County Council of National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Ocean County College
- Ocean County College Hispanic Club
- Ocean County COFR
- Ocean County Genealogical Society
- Ocean County Health Department
- Ocean County Heritage Commission
- Ocean County Historical Society
- Ocean County Human Relations Commission

Ocean County Juvenile Detention Center
Ocean County Master Gardeners Program
Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department
Ocean County Partners in Workplace Investment System
Ocean County Prosecutor’s Office
Ocean County Residential Group Center
Ocean County Senior Services
Ocean County TCA
Ocean County Youth Services Commission
Ocean Residential Community: Home
Old Barney Amateur Radio Club
Operation Write Home
Opiosh\textsuperscript{N}etwork
Rah\textsuperscript{S}hows Art Association
Riverhils\textsuperscript{R}egional Schools
Princeton Public Library
Princeton University Library
Puerto Rican Action Board
Puerto Rican Congress
Regal Cinemas
Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
Rutgers\textsuperscript{C}ertility of Toms River
Rutgers Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations
Rutgers University Library
Salvation Army
SCORE
Seaport Stitchers
Southern Ocean/Greater Long Beach Island Region Chamber of Commerce
Superior Court of New Jersey
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
The Italian Cultural Society of Long Beach Island
The Jewish Federation of Ocean County
The Ocean County Lakewood Branch of the NAACP
The OceanFirst Foundation
The Strand Theater of Lakewood
The Toms River Area Branch of the NAACP
Toms River School District
Treasure\textsuperscript{A}ngels\textsuperscript{P}ranch
Tuckerton Municipal Alliance
United States Census
USA Karate
USA Martial Arts
Walden Books
2009 Circulation & Finances

Total Budget: $36,377,500.00

Revenue

- Library Dedicated Tax: $32,719,650.00
- Per Capita State Aid: $413,450.00
- Fines & Fees: $670,000.00
- Other Income: $4,185,796.00
- Salaries & Fringe Benefits: $23,953,442.00
- Materials & Public Programs: $4,075,000.00
- Equipment & Supplies: $605,000.00
- Maintenance: $5,475,262.00
- Other Operating Expenses: $2,187,900.00
- Technology: $1,950,000.00
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Donations

2009

- Vogrin-Bell Scholarship
  - Colonial Beach Branch
  - Toms River Branch
  - Toms River Daybreak Club
  - Toms River Evening Club

- Grants
  - Ocean County Libraries Municipal Alliance
  - NJ Council for the Humanities
  - NJ State Library
  - Ocean First Foundation

- Tools for Teens and Adults: The GangWise Project is provided by an Intergovernmental grant agreement with the Ocean County Library from the Ocean County Department of Juvenile Services.
### Total Budget: $37,697,372.00

#### 2010 Circulation & Finances

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**System Totals**: 4,855,690

### Total Budget: $37,697,372.00

#### Revenue

- Library Card Fee: $52,176,960.00
- Per Capita State Aid: $177,664.00

#### Expenditures

- Library & Fringe Benefits: $26,843,096.00
- Materials & Public Programs: $16,393,066.00
- Equipment & Supplies: $12,600,000.00
- Maintenance: $3,000,000.00

#### Technology

- Technology: $3,300,000.00
- Other Operational Expenses: $178,000.00
- Future Development: $1,500,000.00

### Donations 2010

- Karen Altman
- Atlantic Highlands Woman's Club
- Donald Baker
- Bentz, Whaley Flessner & Associates, Inc.
- Bergen Books, Inc.
- Lawrence Mohn
- Joseph Boggonov
- Bob Haldeman
- Shaw Doremus
- Kevin Kelly Boyle
- Alphonse Albanese
- Patricia Blazer
- Margaret Bell
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- Bob Campbell
- Donald Campbell
- Arif Crolla
- Mary Crozier
- Robert Costolo
- William & Anne Coven
- Louise Determan
- Katherine & David Drost
- Sam & Jamie Eddelson
- Executive Quality Property Management
- Richard Farley
- Frederick Gerald
- Friends of Barnegat Library
- Friends of Berkeley Library
- Friends of Brick Library
- Friends of Manahawkin Library
- Friends of Manasquan Library
- Friends of Oakhurst Library
- Friends of Jackson Library
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- Ocean County Library Foundation
- OceanFirst Foundation
- Target - Kaufman Theater

#### Tools for Teens and Adults: Pie Graphic Project: possibility of an intergovernmental grant agreement with the Ocean County Library from the Ocean County Department of Juvenile Services.
The Ocean County Library Foundation was organized in 2001 as a separate 501 (c)3 charitable organization to promote awareness and appreciation of the library's role in the community and to assist in the development and growth of the library's facilities so that broader educational and cultural opportunities and services may be provided. The Foundation affords the library the opportunity to apply for grants not previously available to the library system, and to be able to accept charitable contributions that are deductible under federal, estate and gift tax parameters.

### 2010 Foundation Donations

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The Ocean County Library Foundation also donated the outdoor wind sculpture “Sail” and a plaque to the Toms River Branch in honor of former library director Elaine McConnell who retired in 2009 after 25 years of dedicated service to the library. “Sail” is made of copper and steel and was created by the noted artist Lyman Whitaker.
Ocean County Library Branches

BARNEGAT BRANCH
112 Burt Street
Barnegat, NJ 08005
609-688-3331

BAY HEAD READING CENTER
136 Melville Avenue
Bay Head, NJ 08742
732-882-9082

BEACHWOOD BRANCH
126 Beachwood Blvd.
Beachwood, NJ 08722
732-244-4573

BERKELEY BRANCH
30 Station Road
Bayville, NJ 08721
732-268-2144

BICK BRANCH
301 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick, NJ 08723
732-477-4513

ISLAND HEIGHTS BRANCH
17 Central Avenue
Island Heights, NJ 08732
732-276-2366

JACKSON BRANCH
2 Jackson Drive
Jackson, NJ 08227
732-928-4400

LACEY BRANCH
10 East Lacey Road
Lakewood, NJ 08735
609-983-0566

LAKEWOOD BRANCH
301 Lake Avenue
Lakewood, NJ 08701
732-363-1435

LITTLE EGG HARBOR BRANCH
2600 Wharton Street
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087
609-244-1197

LONG BEACH ISLAND BRANCH
21 T.S. Central Avenue
Surf City, NJ 08083
609-494-2480

MANCHESTER BRANCH
127 Central Avenue
Manchester, NJ 08759
732-657-7800

PLUMSTED BRANCH
110 Evergreen Road
New Egypt, NJ 08333
609-700-7808

PT. PLEASANT BEACH BRANCH
710 McLean Avenue
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
732-403-6175

PT. PLEASANT BOROUGH BRANCH
834 Beaver Dam Road
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742
732-295-1555

STAFFORD BRANCH
Whiting Commons Shopping Center
400 Lacey Road  Suite 5
Whiting, NJ 08759
732-849-0391

TOMS RIVER BRANCH & OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS
101 Washington Street
Toms River, NJ 08753
732-349-6200
www.theoceancountylibrary.org

TUCKERTON BRANCH
380 Bay Avenue
Tuckerton, NJ 08756
609-296-3470

UPPER SHORES BRANCH
112 Main Street
Lavallette, NJ 08735
732-750-3996

WARETOWN BRANCH
112 Main Street
Holliston, NJ 08738
609-693-5133

WHITING READING CENTER
Whiting Commons Shopping Center
400 Lacey Road  Suite 5
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732-849-0391